

Christ's Very Own - Part 4

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The sermon emphasizes the sin of ingratitude and its consequences, calling listeners to repentance and a heart of burning zeal for the Lord.

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Scripture: Hebrews 6:4

Topics: "Repentance", "Sanctification"

Description

This sermon focuses on the sin of ingratitude towards Christ, highlighting the monstrous crime it is and the consequences of wandering back into sin as an act of hellish ingratitude. It emphasizes the need to guard against sin to avoid crucifying Christ again through our ingratitude, leading to the vengeance of a righteous God. The sermon calls for repentance, burning zeal for the Lord, and a desire for a deep, personal relationship with Jesus.

Transcript

Ingratitude to Christ. The sin of ingratitude is a monstrous crime. What ingratitude we must confess as the actuary of the spirit searches and uncovers the filth of our own souls.

To wander back into sin is a crime of hellish ingratitude. Yet many professing Christians go back into sin to the pleasures that God saved them from and the sins that brought them so low on the road to hell. To wander back into sin is the crime of hellish ingratitude.

That every sin that engages in the killing of the Prince of life, are we not guilty of it again and again because of our ingratitude. If we do not guard ourselves against all sin, we will crucify to ourselves again the Lord of glory and put him to an open sea. May we be helped of God to take vengeance on our sins because they drew down upon our blessed Savior awful vengeance.

The vengeance of a righteous God which is indescribable. It is the basis and most hellish ingratitude which allows sin to grow again in our heart. It is this ingratitude that sets up the idol of Dagon again in the temple of our souls.

Let us all remember we could live reveling in the love of Christ but instead many of us revels in the abomination of unthankfulness. Ah what our ingratitude fills up when we go out to serve the Lord. Coldness of heart instead of heat and fire in our souls.

How many times have we left our first love? How many times like Peter we have followed Christ afar off? How many of us have been loafers in God's service instead of being laborers? Every one of us must strike our breasts and confess our unloving attitude to the one who loved us to the pouring out of the last drop of his crimson blood. Instead of working our souls to death for Jesus Christ we are neither cold nor hot. And we sicken God Almighty who says because you are neither cold nor hot I will vomit you out of my mouth.

Tell me no more of earthly toys, of simple mirth and carnal joys, the things I loved before. Let me but view my Saviour's face and feel his animating grace and I desire no more. Tell me no more of praise or wealth, of careless ease and blooming health, for they have all their snares.

Let me but know my sins forgiven and see my face enrolled in heaven, see my name enrolled in heaven and I am free from care. Give me a Bible in my hand, a heart to leap and understand this sure unerring word. I urge no company to stay but sit alone from day to day and converse with my Lord.

O how we need burning zeal for the Lord. May the Lord impart that zeal in our hearts this night. May the Lord fire our souls with Calvary love.

May the Lord lead us in the way of service and in the path of faithfulness to Jesus Christ. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine, that my soul would up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in thine. O the pure delight of a single hour, that before thy throne I stand and I kneel in prayer and with thee my God I commune as friend with friend.

Is there someone here and you have never met my Saviour? Not only so, but you have deliberately rejected him. O behold tonight the wonderful man of Calvary may no longer be a stranger to you, may he meet up with you tonight. Behold him now, see the drops of blood upon his tender brow.

Behold the cheeks from which they tore the hairs. View his back, he runs rivers of blood. Peer down and look at his feet, bleeding for you as he tramples on the serpent of hell.

Consider his hands, they were kneeled, they were pierced for you. Behold the Lamb of God, behold he is sinless, he is in the greatest pain, he is in agony, he is paying for your sins and making atonement for your soul. He cries, it is I myself, see my hands, my side, my feet.

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